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July 29, 2003

President Cathy Woolard and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30335

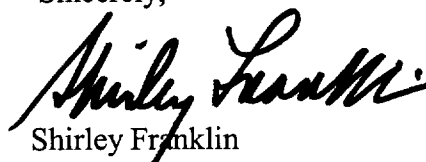
RE: Appointment to the Atlanta Renewal Communities CoRA Board

Dear President Woolard and Members of Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint **Janice White Sikes** to serve as a member of the **Atlanta Renewal Communities CoRA Board** on behalf of the City of Atlanta. The appointment is scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation and the appointment term is to be determined at the first Board meeting.

I am confident that Ms. Sikes will serve the **Atlanta Renewal Communities CoRA Board** with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

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CONFIRMED BY

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COUNCIL

TEL:

Janice White Sikes

Community Advocate
Community Historian/ Preservationistjlwsikes@hotmail.com**Community Advocacy**

1. Family focused and Community oriented; an advocate for "improved quality of life"
2. 30 resident of the West End Neighborhood (lived in West End before it was historic") Helped save the Brown High School, now it is a cutting edge, technology centering, innovative Middle School. Helped save the old public library from demolition, it is now the West End Cultural Arts Center. Volunteered to assist with the audience and program development for the beginnings of the Hammonds House Galleries in Historic West End.
3. Recognized as an **Urban Pioneer and community organizer**, along with late husband Dann Sikes. Providing assistance to neighborhood groups across the South.
4. A representative of the West End Community to city, state and federal governments. Twice president of the vocal homeowners and residents association of West End—WEND—(The West End Neighborhood Development, Inc.). Founding member, The West End Business Association.
5. For 20 years a co-coordinator of the Annual West End Festival and Tour of Homes.
6. Advisor to neighborhoods leaders, planners, educators, government officials and businesspersons.

Preservationist

1. The Historic West End District: Coordinated thirteen year (13) neighborhood campaign for Historic District designation. Work of the team of volunteers included door-to-door canvassing, information tables at grocery stores and other businesses. Convened forums with city officials, preservation specialists, architects and planners to discuss questions raised by property owners. Held meetings in home to draft historic district nomination document for submission to the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. Lobbied Atlanta City Council members and the mayor resulting in approval of the West End Historic District by the Atlanta City Council and Mayor Maynard Jackson in 1971.
2. Worked with the state of Georgia to achieve national recognition for West End.
3. Awards: Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Jeannie Thurston Award; State of Georgia, Women in Preservation Citation; National Trust for Historic Preservation Honor Award.
4. Founding member of the following organizations: The Atlanta Preservation Center, The Georgia African American Historic Preservation Network

Community Involvement

Sikes currently serves as the Co-chair of the Comprehensive Historic Resources Survey (CHRS) under the Atlanta Urban Design Commission. CHRS, the survey, is an initiative of the Atlanta City Council.

A founding member of the Atlanta Preservation Center Sikes is involved in Preservation advocacy.

Sikes is a recipient of the Thurston Preservation Award and an Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

A thirty year resident of the Historic West End District she served as President of the West End Neighborhood Development (WEND) and coordinated the successful historic district designation for the West End neighborhood.

Sikes is recognized as a community activist and has worked with Atlanta Mayors and Georgia Governors.

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Janice White Sikes, Librarian/Community Historian
Specialist in African American Southern History and Culture
Senior Librarian, The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture
and History

Community History is a main focus for Janice White Sikes whose specialty is Southern History and Culture. She is a graduate of Spelman College and the Atlanta University School of Library and Information Studies. As a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellow she explored Community History. Work with the Smithsonian Institution and the National Trust for Historic Preservation broadened her understanding of Public History and preserving and interpreting local cultures.

2003 begins the thirtieth (30th) year of service for Sikes as a reference/research librarian with the Atlanta Fulton Public Library System. Since 1994 she has served as a senior librarian at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History. The 1980's were spent developing the Williams Collection, now a core of the Auburn Research Library.

Sikes has produced historical workshops and conceived and conducted conferences on various topics relating to public history, preservation, oral history and African Americans in the American South. Locations of these presentations have included: the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia; Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi; St. Mary's College, Raleigh, North Carolina and the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

A native of Philadelphia, Mississippi and Meridian, Mississippi, Sikes is most interested in the concepts of self-actualization and self-reliance in family and community building in the African American experience in the American South.

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(GAAHPN), and The Southeastern Regional African American Historic Preservation Alliance.

5. Developed statewide grants to introduce Preservation Concepts and Issues for improved Community building to African American Communities: Cassville, GA (Near Cartersville); Columbus, GA; Savannah, GA; Valdosta, GA
6. Co-coordinator the Spelman College National Alumnae Association historical project resulting in the approval and establishment of an Official State of Georgia Marker "Spelman College: Women Who Achieve" at the main gate of the campus.
7. "The Oral History of Simpson Road" Designed and taught this class/internship at Spelman College in conjunction with Professor Harry Lefever and Dr. Wade, Sociology Department. Upcoming publication of a brief summary by students of their findings about the history of the Simpson Road Community.

Training/Education

Certified Lay Speaker, Calvary United Methodist Church, Atlanta

Trained Facilitator, Neighborhood Leaders Program, Urban Studies, Georgia State University

Senior Management Certification, Univ. Of Georgia

Community Historian Fellow, National Endowment for the Humanities, Chicago

B.A., English, Spelman College

Masters In Library and Information Studies (M.S.L.S.), Atlanta Univ.

Publications and Presentations

Various Library Profession articles and conference presentations

Currently compiling a work of selected poetry *Southern By Nature*, autobiographical writings about a sheltered life growing up comfortably, yet concerned, in Mississippi during the turbulent 1960's.

Presentations and essays on topics ranging from "African American History and Culture" to "Equity in Education and Economic Development".

Motivational Speaker on self esteem and community building

Frequent speaker as Specialist on Southern Culture

7/7/02 J. Watkins

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8/18/03
2:10 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

MULTIPLE

03-C-1132, 03-C-1133, 03-C-1134,
03-C-1206, 03-C-1207, 03-C-1208
CONFIRM

YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 3
EXCUSED: 0
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	B Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
NV Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	NV Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

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(Do Not Write Above This Line)

A COMMUNICATION BY
MAYOR SHIRLEY FRANKLIN

A COMMUNICATION TO APPOINT MS.
JANICE WHITE SIKES TO SERVE AS A
MEMBER OF THE ATLANTA RENEWAL
COMMUNITIES CO-RA BOARD ON BEHALF
OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA. THIS
APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN
ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION
AND THE APPOINTMENT TERM IS TO BE
DETERMINED AT THE FIRST BOARD
MEETING.

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- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

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First Reading

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Chair _____
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Committee 2/1/03

Date 7/29/03

Chair *Shirley Franklin*

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Other

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Janice White Sikes

Committee

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Committee

Date 8/18/03

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION
☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd
Readings
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION